



The Women's Club of Aruba presents their annual donations at La Dolce Vita Restaurant

With the morning sun streaming through the windows, Bernadette Schouten, President of the Women's Club of Aruba called forth the representatives of fifteen social organizations that were treated to a breakfast at La Dolce Vita restaurant on Tuesday morning, June 20. The purpose of the gathering was the annual distribution of donations by the Women's Club from the monies raised by their numerous fund-raising events during the past year.

The fifteen organizations represent a broad spectrum of services that are offered to the less fortunate, ranging from troubled youth to the aged. Agencies that assist the physically and mentally challenged were also beneficiaries of the Women's Club largess; nearly 50,000 Aruban florins were distributed that morning. Organizations receiving donations were: AJMG (Scouting), Ambiente Feliz (mentally challenged), Asistencia Social Noord (community services), Centro Juvenil Washington (community services), Colegio Arubano Social Fund, Dunuman (mentally challenged), FADA, (anti-substance abuse), Flor di Violeta, Funari, (mentally challenged) Fundacion Autismo, (family support for autism) Centro Kibrahacha for the Elderly, The Aruban Youth Parliament, Fundacion Respetami (anti-child abuse), Fundacion Sonrisa (family support for the mentally challenged), Fundacion Yuda Mi (youth hotline), and Meals on Wheels, San Nicolas.

The grateful recipients of these donations gave heartfelt thanks for the continued support of The Women's Club, which is so necessary for them to continue their good work. Each donation is to be applied to a specific project, which is the policy of the donations. President Schouten also offered a reminder that organizations that wish to be included in next year's donations need to have their applications detailing a project submitted to the steering committee by the end of 2006.